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**OFFICIAL**

APPLICANT: Thappa GROUP ART UNIT: 3763  
 SERIAL NO.: 09/695,116 EXAMINER: Maiorino  
 FILING DATE: Oct. 24, 2000 ATTY. DOCKET NO.: THA-P-00-001  
 INVENTION: "CLOSED END INFUSION CATHETER WITH AN INTRODUCER AND A METHOD FOR USING THE SAME"

Mail Stop AF  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final in response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003 for the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  The fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED (AMENDED ONLY)						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	MINUS	26	X 0	X 9.00 X 18.00	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	04	MINUS	04	X 0	X 42.00 X 84.00	0
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES (X) NO	\$130.00 \$260.00 ONE TIME	0
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	0	

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Acct. No. 50-0595. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.
- Applicants hereby petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time so that the period for response is extended to March 26, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension of time fee of \$55.00 to Deposit Acct. No. 50-0595.

When phoning re this application, please call 773/772-6009.

  
 BY: Brian M. Mattson Reg. No. 35,018

**CERTIFICATE OF TELEFAX TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that the attached Amendment After Final and Transmittal letter are being transmitted to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents via telefax (Fax No. 703.872.9306) on March 22, 2004.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A catheter assembly for placing within a body, the catheter assembly comprising:

a flexible hollow body defining having a length defined between a top end and a bottom end wherein the top end is closed and wherein the top end tapers to flexible hollow body is a cylindrical tube having a diameter and further wherein the bottom end of the flexible body has a width greater than the diameter;

~~a diameter defined by the cylindrical tube,~~  
~~a width defined by the bottom end of the flexible body~~  
~~wherein the width is greater than the diameter,~~